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1 Warning - Read this first

	Compressed air can be dangerous! Please familiarize yourself with the forces under pressurized conditions. Respect the local guidelines and regulations for working with pressurized equipment.
	Gas flow through pipes follows certain physical laws. These physical laws have serious consequences for the installation requirements. Familiarize yourself with these laws to make sure that the product is installed correctly. Always make sure that upstream length, downstream length, flow, pressure, temperature and humidity conditions are within specifications.
	Precision instruments need maintenance. Check your flow meter regularly and make sure it remains clean. When polluted, gently clean the sensor using demineralised water or cleaning alcohol. **Precision instruments need regular re-calibration.** The VPFlowScope probe is guaranteed for 24 months on manufacturing defects, when used in clean, filtered, oil free and dry compressed air. However, when the air quality conditions are not met, the re-calibration interval may become shorter than 24 months. VPInstruments offers service contracts which cover a one year re-calibration, firmware upgrades and minor repairs.
	Not intended for fiscal metering or billing. Our flow meters are not certified for fiscal metering. Laws on fiscal metering and billing may vary per country or state.
	Do not overestimate the results. VPInstruments does not take any responsibility for the correctness of measurement results under field conditions. The practical measurement uncertainty of a flow meter in the field may vary, depending on how well it is installed, due to the nature of gas flow. The piping table provides guidelines on how to optimize the field accuracy. Our products are not intended to be used as a single means to determine compressor capacity.
	Do not open the device. Our instruments are assembled with high precision. Opening this device is dangerous and may destroy the instruments. The IP rating might be compromised. Warranty is voided when you open the instrument.
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2 Introduction

Congratulations! **You purchased the easiest to use and most complete compressed air measurement tool in the world.** With the VPFlowScope probe, you can monitor and record flow, pressure, temperature, and total air consumption, simultaneously.

Great products deserve great user manuals. We have done our best to make this user manual as complete as possible. New users, please read it carefully to familiarize yourself with our products. Experienced users can check out the Quick start chapter.

Check the packaging box for any inconsistencies. Should there be any shipping damage, notify the local carrier. At the same time a report should be submitted to Van Putten Instruments BV, Buitenwatersloot 335, 2614 GS DELFT, The Netherlands.

This manual is dedicated to:
VPS.R150.P400

VPStudio software version 1.23
Sensor firmware version 1.19
Display firmware version 1.19

Older software features may not be covered by the contents of this user manual. Please contact us for a service subscription program, which includes software and firmware updates!

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3 Product overview

The VPFlowScope probe measures mass flow, temperature and pressure simultaneously. All these parameters are key to proper compressed air measurement and are therefore included in all models. With the insertion probe you are flexible in pipe diameter. All data can be accessed by Modbus RTU, 4..20mA and pulse.

The VPFlowScope probe is available in two configurations to fit every application. Use the connector cap for sensor features only, ideal for integration into a central management system. Use the display module for central read out and data logging. For both models, all parameters and outputs remain available.

The VPFlowScope probe is available in 2 lengths. Additional options are available for both types:

Order Code	Flow range	Option	Length	Option	Display
VPS.R150	150 m_n/sec	P400	400 mm length	D0	No display, No connector cap
		P600	600 mm length	D10	Display
				D11	Display + 2M point logger
				D2	Connector cap

Order the VPFlowScope KIT to receive the complete start kit with all required accessories, everything you need to get started right away.

3.1 Configuration

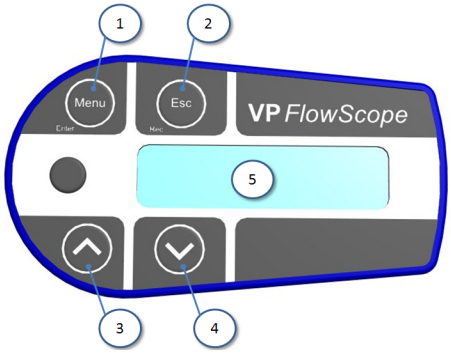
The instruments needs only one step to be ready for operation. It needs to know the exact inner pipe diameter for accurate measurement, wrong inner diameter will lead to very significant errors. The pipe diameter can be programmed with the keypad on the display module or with the VPStudio configuration software. This software suite is also used for configuration of the outputs and data logger. This software can be downloaded from our website. www.vpinstruments.com/downloads. To get the right diameter, use a wall thickness gauge, ask us for availability.

3.2 VPFlowScope probe with connector cap

The VPFlowScope probe with connector cap can be used in applications where local read-out and data logging is not required. With it's various outputs the VPFlowScope probe can be connected to remote data loggers.

3.3 VPFlowScope probe with display

The display module adds a 3 row display with keypad and an optional 2 Million point data logger to the VPFlowScope probe. All parameters will be shown on the display in real time. The keypad can be used to start a data log session or to change the key parameters of the VPFlowScope probe. All output parameters for remote connection remain available on the M12 connector.



1. Menu / Enter button
2. Esc / Record button
3. Up button
4. Down button
5. LCD display

3.4 VPFlowScope probe with the VPFlowTerminal

The VPFlowTerminal can be used as a remote display for situations where the local display can't be read. All display features will be available on the remote display.
The VPFlowTerminal is equipped with a 5 m / 164 ft. cable and connector cap with a M12 8pin connector. The standard connector cap with M12 5pin connector can not be used for connection with the VPFlowTerminal. The VPFlowTerminal features a 2 Million point data logger which extends the data log capacity of your VPFlowScope probe.

4 Quick start

This chapter contains the basic steps to start using your VPFlowScope probe flow meter. Additional information on all subjects can be found in the next chapters.

1. Unpack
Unpack the meter and check if all items are there and in good shape. A checklist with all items is available on the box.

2. Program the settings
- The inner pipe diameter needs to be programmed into the sensor. This can be done via the display or with the VPStudio software
- If required, set the output parameters for the Modbus, pulse and current output

3. Mechanical installation
- Find the best point of installation for this product. Make sure that all specifications are met.
- For installation of the VPFlowScope probe, an insertion point needs to be created. You can weld a tap with internal 1/2 inch thread or use a hot tap saddle.
- Place a ball valve and compression fitting on the insertion point.
- Connect the safety chain and insert the probe into the pipe.
- The sensor needs to be in the middle of the pipe.
- Tighten the compression fitting.

See chapter mechanical installation for more detailed information.

3. Electrical installation

3.1 Permanent installation
Connect a cable with 5 Pin M12 connector to the VPFlowScope probe. The cable can be connected to a central data acquisition / building management system or data logger via Modbus, 4..20mA or pulse. See chapter electrical connections for more information.

Apply 12-24 VDC to power up the device. Use a Class II power supply (less than 2 Amps). If a display is available, it will light up when power is applied.

3.2 Temporary installation
Use a 12 Volt power supply with M12 connector to power the VPFlowScope probe. This quick method is ideal for audits.

4. Data recording
When the display with data logger is available a data log session can be started by pressing the esc button and then enter. All parameters will be logged with the default logging intervals. These logging intervals can be changed with the VPStudio software. This software tool is also used to retrieve the recorded sessions.

5 Measurement

For all parameters the update interval is 1 second. Within this second, multiple samples are taken and averaged to provide a stable and reliable output.

5.1 Flow

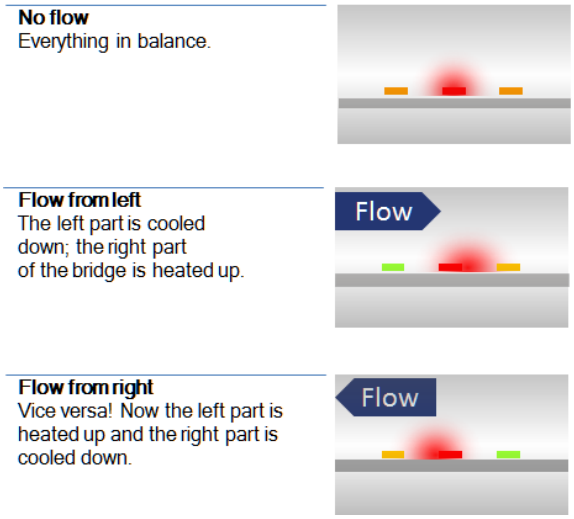
The VPFlowScope probe uses our proprietary insertion type thermal mass flow sensor. There is no bypass flow, which results in a high robustness and less sensitivity for dirt or particles. The flow sensor is directly temperature compensated.

The sensor response signal is directly related to the mass flow rate and can be described by the following formula:

Vout = k *λ* ρ * v * (Ts-Tg)

Vout = output voltage
k = sensor (geometrical) constant
λ = thermal conductivity of the gas
ρ = density of the gas
v = actual velocity in m / sec
Ts = sensor temperature
Tg = gas temperature

The optional bi-directional sensitivity is shown in the picture on the right. In bi-directional mode the negative flow value will show up as a minus sign. The 4..20 mA value needs to be adapted to suit the application. See chapter 9.1 for details.


No flow
Everything in balance.
Flow from left
The left part is cooled down; the right part of the bridge is heated up.
Flow
Flow from right
Vice versa! Now the left part is heated up and the right part is cooled down.
Flow

5.2 Pressure

The VPFlowScope probe features a built-in gauge pressure sensor. The sensor range is 0...250 psi, rounded off this equals 0...16 bar gauge. The sensor cannot measure vacuum, please contact us if you have a vacuum application. The sensor membrane can handle media which are compatible with glass, silicon, stainless steel, Sn/Ni, plating and An/Ag solder.

The sensor signal is sampled with 16 bits. The practical resolution is 0.24 mbar on the 0..16 bar scale, which is equal to 0.004 psi on the 250 psi scale

5.3 Temperature

The built in temperature sensor measures the compressed air/ gas temperature. It is mounted in a separate position, to ensure quick response time and low self-heating of the sensor element.
The signal is sampled with 16 bits. The resolution is less than 0.1 deg C.
In a vertical pipe, with flow going down, the temperature sensor may heat up at zero flow conditions, due to the heated flow sensor element. This effect will disappear as soon as there is consumption.

For optimal measurement performance, the VPFlowScope probe needs to be in a stable temperature environment. When exposed to quick temperature changes or large temperature changes (for example taking the unit from outdoor to indoor during winter time, or when mounted downstream of a

heat regenerated drier) the temperature compensation may lag behind, which may result in significant measurement errors.

5.4 Totalizer

The totalizer keeps track of the total consumed amount of compressed air in normal cubic meters, or in scf depending on which unit you choose to read out. The refresh interval is 1 second, actual measurement data will be available on the display and by Modbus. For back up reasons, the totalizer value is written to it's internal memory with an interval of 15 minutes. A power down might result in maximum 15 minutes of totalizer data loss.

In bi-directional operation, negative flow is subtracted from the totalizer. The totalizer will count backwards as the compressed air is delivered back to the supply side. The totalizer can only be reset to zero. It's not possible to set it to a different value.

6 Mechanical installation

Put together the VPFlowScope probe
Connect the display or connector cap on the VPFlowScope probe sensor module. Make sure that it slides completely over the O-ring seal. Position the O-ring in the upper position for the connector cap. Use the lower position for the display. Apply some O-ring grease if required. Gently fix the screw on top.

Install the VPFlowScope probe in the pipe
First select the right installation point. The installation point is crucial for the right measurements. Sources of error can be: installation effects, unknown flow profiles, swirls, pressure and temperature effects, humidity effects, oscillations in the flow. To ensure the highest possible accuracy of flow measurement, the installation and piping instructions must be followed carefully. Therefore read this paragraph carefully.

Take into account:
- Choose a site which is accessible, which allows ease of wiring and maintenance, and which allows you to still read and access the display if possible.
- Meet the specifications of the VPFlowScope probe. When the specifications are not met, for instance the pressure or temperature level is too high; this will cause inaccurate flow measurement and can even damage your flow meter.
- Do not apply mechanical stress on the sensor head.

Avoid:
- Excessive heat, check the temperature range of your VPFlowScope probe.
- Potential water damage on the outside. Avoid areas of high humidity and avoid dripping. Be aware that the VPFlowScope probe is not watertight, it is only splash proof.
- Corrosive atmosphere where possible.
- Electrical problems (high voltage/ high power).
- Mechanical vibration and danger (walking bridges, fork lift trucks).
- Any source of potential error.

Stop: These devices are only for use with Air, Nitrogen, Argon, Helium, Carbon Dioxide and other non hazardous, or non combustible gases. The maximum working pressure is 16 bar (250 psi)

Prepare the installation
The VPFlowScope probe can be inserted through a welding tap with internal 1/2 inch thread or through a hot tap saddle. A hot tap saddle can be installed under pressurized conditions, so there is no need to shut down production.

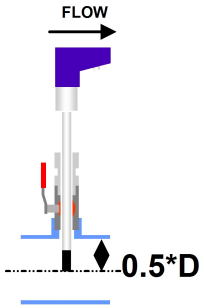
Use a ball valve to insert and retract the VPFlowScope probe when you want. Use a 1/2 inch full bore ball valve or a 3/4 inch ball valve. The VPInstruments hot tap drill has a 1” drill size. In that case, place a 1” ball valve and use, after drilling, a reducer to go back to 1/2” for the compression fitting.

Warning: Make sure that the hole is at least 16mm inner diameter, and completely clear for insertion. A too small hole will damage the probe or your measurement value will be very low.

The installation

Insertion depth

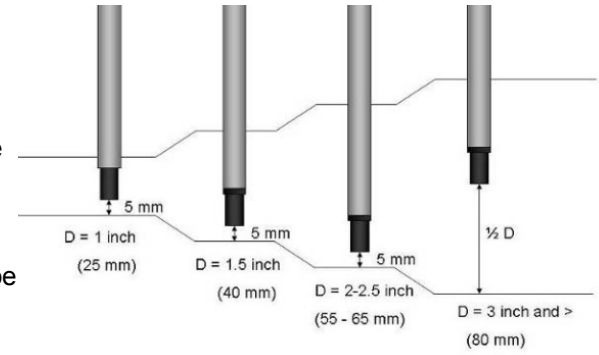
Generally the insertion depth of the VPFlowScope probe is 0.5 times the inner pipe diameter, where the bottom of the sensor tip must be in the middle of the pipe (see picture).



The VPFlowScope probe is shaped to make alignment with the flow direction easy. Alignment “by the eye” is sufficient.

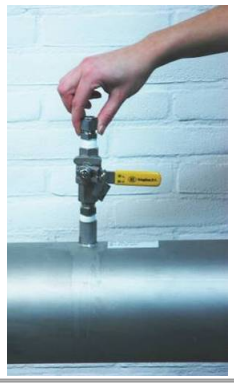
Exception

Between pipe sizes of 1” and 2”: be aware that the field accuracy is +/- 10%; installation errors are bigger. The insertion depth between DN25 and DN65 is also different. The VPFlowScope probe has to be inserted almost completely or else the temperature sensor of the VPFlowScope probe itself is outside the flow path. The sensor tip will not be in the middle of the pipe any more. The measurement value is automatically corrected for small diameters.

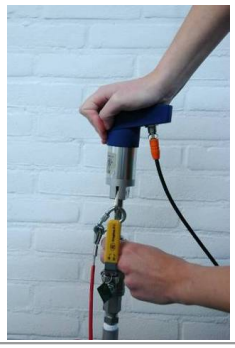
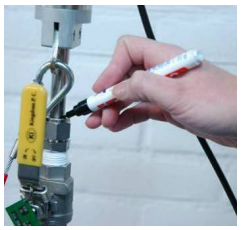
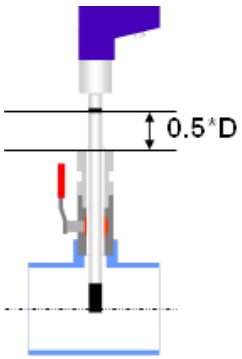
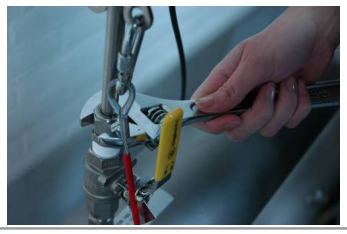


SAFETY FIRST: START WITH MOUNTING THE SAFETY LINE!

The VPFlowScope probe is mounted with a 1/2 inch compression fitting. The probe is sealed with a Teflon ferrule instead of a stainless steel ferrule. Teflon may become slippery. The safety line will keep the sensor secure when it accidentally moves out of the compression fitting. NEVER over-tight the fitting, because it might damage the sensor tube.

Basic installation steps	
1. Insert the compression fitting in the welding tap. Use Teflon tape or liquid sealant.	

2. Keep the ball valve closed!	
3. Insert the VPFlowScope probe.	
4. Mount the safety line. Hook the safety line up in the ring of the VPFlowScope probe. For extra safety, you can add a luggage strap (like for suitcases).	
5. Place a mark on the probe, to identify the place where it is safe to close the ball valve when retrieving the VPFlowScope probe.	

6. Open the ball valve and slowly push the VPFlowScope probe completely in.	
7. Push the probe in till it hits the bottom of the pipe. Now place another mark on the probe.	
8. Retrieve the probe half the pipe diameter. Adjust the safety line (and strap) to keep the VPFlowScope probe in place. Keep in mind to align the VPFlowScope probe with the flow direction.	
9. Gently tighten the compression fitting. Do not over tighten to prevent damage to the probe. Pull the probe to check if the compression fitting is tight enough.	
10. Now your VPFlowScope probe is installed.	

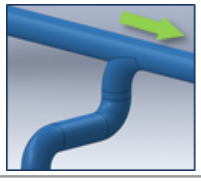
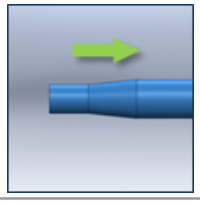
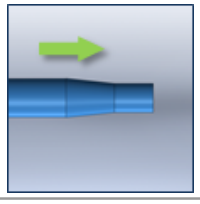
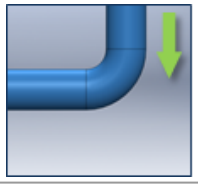
6.1 Piping table

At least 20 times the pipe diameter upstream and at least 5 times the pipe diameter downstream needs to be applied, to avoid any distortion of the flow profile. Gas flow in pipes follows certain rules, which must be observed for optimal measurement results. For some exceptions the upstream length needs to be longer, or can be shorter. Check the piping table below for your application.

If possible, you can always choose a longer upstream length, as these are minimum values. The up- and downstream lengths are used industry wide as guidelines, but will never be a guarantee for obtaining the “true value”. So always be careful and try to build up your own experience from practical measurements

Piping table

The following table provides a guideline for proper distances between upstream or downstream objects and the VPFlowScope probe. The upstream length is the length between the last non-straight object and the VPFlowScope probe. If the upstream length is straight, and the distortion is downstream of the VPFlowScope probe, you can use the column "downstream length" as a guideline. In very complex situations, with multiple up- and downstream objects, you should consider another location. This table is a practical guideline and is not exact science. Practical situations can have multiple sources of distortion, therefore VPInstruments does not take any responsibility for the correctness.

Picture	Description	Upstream length[2]	Downstream length[2]	Effect
	Complex feed-in situation (header)	40 * D[1]	10 * D[1]	Flow profile will be distorted
	Double elbow, multiple elbows following each other	40 * D[1]	10 * D[1]	Distorted profile + swirl
	Diameter change from small to large (gradual or instant)	40 * D[1]	5 *D[1]	Jet shaped flow
	Diameter change from large to small (gradual change, between 7 and 15 degrees)	10 * D[1]	5 * D[1]	Flattened flow profile
	Single elbow	30 * D[1]	10 * D[1]	Distorted flow profile

1 = inner diameter; 2 = minimum length

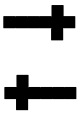
7 Display

The display module unlocks some new cool features!

- LCD display with 3 lines of real time data, refreshed every second
- Key pad with menu to configure the main settings
- Data logger with adjustable logging intervals (option)
- 5 custom units (multiply and existing unit with a factor and show it on the LCD display)

7.1 Display status icons

Some status icons show feedback on the meters' status. Below is a list with explanation

Icons	Description
	Sensor module is properly connected and supplied with power
	No communication with the sensor [Check external power when disconnected]
	A blinking dot will indicate that a data session is active
	2 rotating arrows indicate that there is communication with the computer
	The display is locked. The menu can not be accessed
	Memory indication. Each block indicates 20% of memory usage. The blocks start to blink if the memory is more then 95% full

7.2 LCD display

The LCD display provides 3 rows for real time data. Each row can be configured in the menu by selecting the desired parameter for this row.
Available options are listed in menu -> display.

7.3 Data Logger

The optional built-in data logger offers you 2 Million data points. Enough to measure all three channels 1 x per second for more than a week. A little warning though: more data does not always lead to better insight in savings!

Use the following guidelines for the intervals

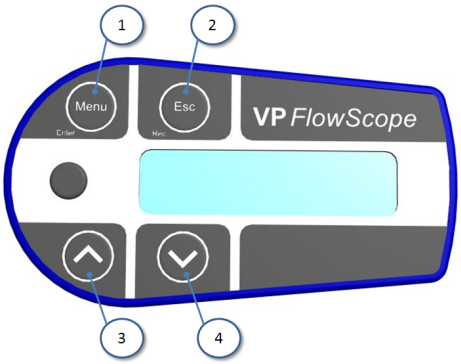
Application	Flow	Pressure	Temperature
Standard energy management application	5 min	5 min	5 min
Machine testing - quick fluctuations	1 sec	1 sec	1 sec
Audit - one week	10 sec	10 sec	5 min
Audit - one month	30 sec	30 sec	5 min

Multiple sessions can be recorded. When a session is started, a separate session will be recorded. It's not possible to append to an existing session.

When a power failure occurs during recording, the session will be stopped. When power is restored, a new session will start automatically.

7.4 Keypad

The key pad contains 4 buttons to control the display.



1 Menu / Enter Used to enter the (sub)menu or to confirm a setting
2 Escape / Record Will start a data logging session when in the data acquisition screen.
Will return from a (sub)menu when not in the data acquisition screen
3 Button up Navigate up in the menu
4 Button down Navigate down in the menu

Special key functions

- Lock display
  In the main screen, press up and down simultaneously to lock or unlock the display. A lock icon will appear in the right lower corner of the screen. The lock function will block keypad functionality.

- Clean re-boot.
  Hold esc pressed when turning the power on. Use this option when a display will not start up or if a session won't stop. This can happen due to subsequent power failures at the moment that the memory is almost full.

7.5 Menu

The menu is categorized into 3 main items which contain their own sub menu items. The complete menu structure is shown below:

1. Settings
   1. Diameter
   2. Display
   3. Date and Time
   4. Modbus address
   5. Display dimtime
   6. Display orientation
2. DAQ Sessions
   1. New Session
   2. Delete all
3. Advanced
   1. Reset

1 Settings
The settings menu can be used to change both functional parameters as display settings.

1.1 Diameter
The sensor needs to know the exact inner pipe diameter to calculate mass flow. Changing the diameter is only possible when the sensor is connected. When the menu is entered, first select the desired unit, this can be in mm or inch.
Now enter the inner pipe diameter en confirm by pressing enter.

1.2 Display
The main screen of the display contains 3 rows to display measurement values. Via this menu measurement values can be assigned to these rows. Available options in the menu are:

Measurand	Available units	Description
Empty	-	Leave this display row empty
Flow	m_n/sec m^3_n/h l_n/min CFM m^3/min sfps	Normalized
Pressure	Bar Psi	Gauge
Temperature	Deg C Deg F	
Totalizer	m^3_n	Normalized
Custom		5 available units to be configured with VPStudio. Multiply an existing unit with a user defined factor.

1.3 Date and Time
Adjust date and time settings. First enter the menu option and set the date with the key pad. The date is formatted as: DD-MM-YYYY. After setting the date, confirm with enter and then enter the time settings in format: HH:MM:SS, again confirm with enter. The new date will become active immediately.

Date/time settings are kept actual by the real time clock until long power down. Date and time will also be synchronized with the computer when used with VPStudio.

1.4 Modbus address
The Modbus address can be changed with this option. Use the up and down buttons to change the number. Available numbers 1 – 247.
After setting the number press enter to save the address. The power of the VPFlowScope probe needs to be cycled to activate the new address.

1.5 Display dimtime
The display backlight dimtime can be adjusted here. The default dimtime is set to 10 seconds. Other Available options are:
- Fading off. The backlight will remain on.
- 5 till 30 seconds with steps of 5 seconds.

Confirming with menu will make this setting immediately active.

1.6 Display orientation
The text on the display can be set upside down for installations were the VPFlowScope probe is installed in this way. Enter the menu item and select the desired orientation with the arrow keys. Confirm with enter to make these settings active.

All keys will maintain their function.

2 DAQ Sessions
The VPFlowScope probe contains an optional 2 Million point data logger. When available, the menu is set to start and stop the sessions or to delete all present data.

2.1 Start session
The session will be started when you push the enter button after selecting this option. When the session is started, the menu will close and the main screen will be shown. A blinking dot in the right upper corner will indicate the running session. The menu will be blocked when a session is active. The session can be stopped by pressing the esc button.

2.2 Delete all
All sessions will be deleted. It is not possible to delete just a single session.

3 Advanced

3.1 Reset
Reset the device. All peripherals will be reinitialized. This option is also needed when updating the display firmware.

8 VPStudio software

The VPFlowScope probe can be read out and configured with the VPStudio software. This software can be downloaded from www.vpinstruments.com.
In case of basic configuration and read out, use the free edition. If real time logging is required, request a license code by our sales department.

A quick start is shown below, read the VPStudio manual for more information. This manual can be downloaded from www.vpinstruments.com/downloads

The sensor module needs to be connected to the display in order to read out the display. It is not possible to read out sessions when the VPFlowScope probe sensor is not connected

Connect the VPFlowScope probe to the computer
The VPFlowScope probe can be connected to the computer with the M12 connector through the JB5 interface box. This interface box combines the power and data signals. Power up the device by connecting the 12VDC power supply to the JB5 interface box. An RS485 to USB converter can be used to connect the JB5 interface box to the computer.

Install USB converter driver
A driver needs to be installed for the RS485 to USB converter. The driver might be installed automatically by your windows system or need to be installed manually. All drivers are available on our website www.vpinstruments.com/downloads.

Configure the VPFlowScope probe
- Start the VPStudio software
- In the left white window, right click to open the menu. Now click add device
- Click the scan button to search for the right COM port. Select it and click add
- Enter a name for the device
- Now select serial for RS485 converter
- Set the communication parameters if available
- Click add

VPFlowScope probe sensor read out
- Click on the device in the explorer window to read out the settings
- The status tab provides general information
- The installation tab is used to configure the settings

VPFlowScope probe display read out
- Click on the plus icon to unfold the display icon
- Click on display to read out the display settings
- The status tab provides general information
- The installation tab is used to configure the settings
- Click sessions below display to retrieve session data.

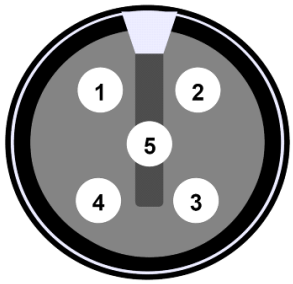
9 Electrical connections

Tip: Use a shielded cable of good quality to connect the meter. Connect shield to safety ground on one point.
For portable, non-critical applications, a switched mode 12 V DC, 1A power adapter may be used. Switched mode power supplies that are of poor quality, might affect the accuracy.

NEVER USE AC POWER. THIS WILL VOID WARRANTY AND BRING PERMANENT DAMAGE TO THE ELECTRONICS. THE INSTRUMENT MIGHT BE DAMAGED BEYOND REPAIR.
CONNECT THE M12 CONNECTOR BEFORE POWERING UP THE INSTRUMENTS.

The VPFlowScope probe provides a 4..20 mA / pulse output and a Modbus output. All signals are present in the M12 connector. These outputs can be used to connect the VPFlowScope probe to a building management system or energy monitoring system like VPVision.

Pin	Signal	Wire color
1	+12...24 VDC	Brown
2	0 Volt	White
3	4..20 mA signal, active	Blue
4	RS485 A	Grey
5	RS485 B	Black



9.1 4..20mA output

The 4..20mA output is an active, non- isolated linearized output that can be used to connect the VPFlowScope probe to a control system, a building management system or any 4..20 mA based SCADA system.

There is one 4..20 mA output available on the VPFlowScope probe. This output can be assigned to one of the measurement parameters, only one can be selected. For each measurand, a number of units is available. The factory default is m_n/sec.

Measurand	Unit
Flow	m_n/sec
Flow	m^3_n/hr
Flow	l_n/min
Flow	SCFM
Flow	m^3_n/min
Flow	sfps
Pressure	bar
Pressure	psi
Temperature	deg C
Temperature	deg F

For scaling purposes, the zero and span matching 4 and 20mA can be modified. This will not effect the original measurement range. The zero and span are only used to increase or narrow the resolution. For bi-directional measurement, the zero value needs to be set negative. See below table for factory defaults.

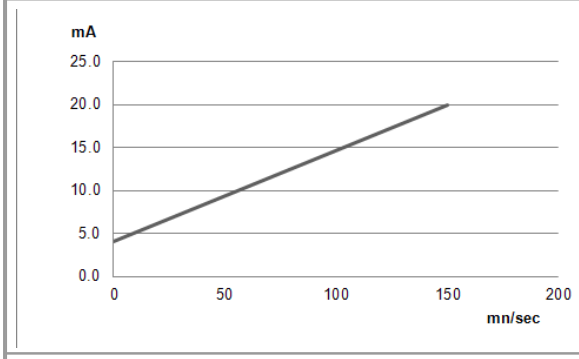
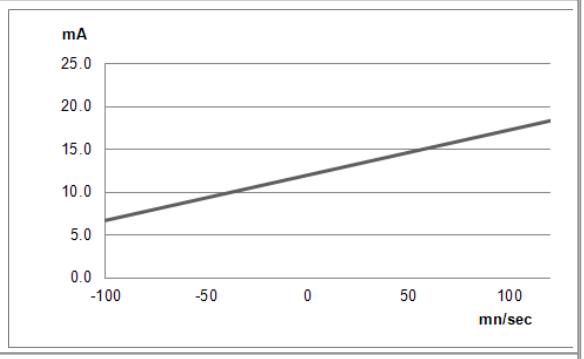
Mode	Zero	Span	Idle output
Single direction	0% flow range	100% flow range	4 mA
Bi directional	-100% flow range	100% flow range	12 mA

Configuration with VPStudio
VPStudio has graphical visualization for the 4..20mA settings. The actual settings will be shown next to the factory settings.

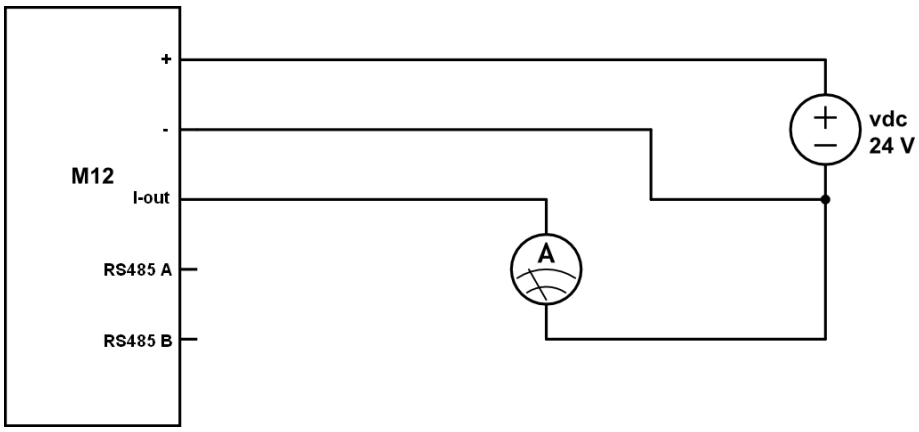
With VPStudio, in the pull down menu, you can choose above units to assign to the output. Adjust the zero and span for scaling.

Changing to volumetric units, the programmed diameter is calculated in the settings. So change the diameter first, then the analogue settings. VPStudio provides feedback while you are changing the settings. Use “set default” to go back to the factory default.

4..20mA output

Single direction	Bi directional
	
0% | 100% flow	**-100% | 100% flow**

Electrical scheme:



The current meter is placed in between the current output and the power supply ground. You can also use a digital multimeter to test the current output.

9.2 Pulse output

The VPFlowScope probe features a low-frequency active pulse output. The pulse is a 'non potential' free output as it acts like a controlled current output. To make it passive, an external isolator can be used.

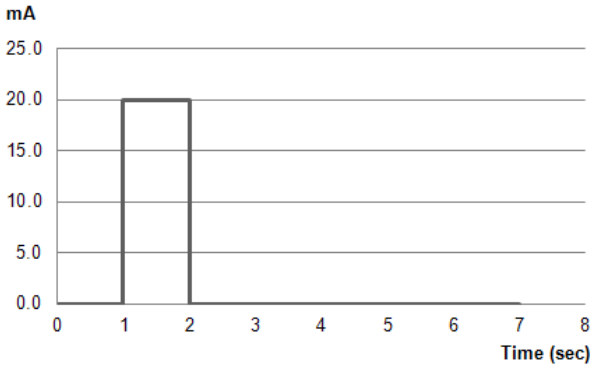
The pulse interval can be set with the VPStudio software. A pulse from 0..20 mA will be generated when the interval exceeds. The maximum pulse frequency is once per 2 seconds. If the pulse interval is set to small, a continuous pulse (20mA high level) will be the result.

The pulse output is connected to the internal totalizer value. When the totalizer has increased by the pulse interval, the pulse will be generated. As it is not possible to generate a negative pulse, negative flow can not be indicated by pulse. In case of negative flow, the internal totalizer will count backwards. Pulses will not be generated until the same amount of positive flow has been added to the totalizer again. In this way we ensure that the pulse output will always be synchronized with the internal totalizer of the VPFlowScope probe. In case of continuous negative flow, consider to swap the flow meter direction.

Default settings

Diameter	Diameter	Pulse interval
> 40 mm and < 92 mm	> 1.57 inch and < 3.62 inch	1 m^3_n
> 92 mm and < 160 mm	> 3.62 inch and < 6.3 inch	2 m^3_n
> 160 mm and < 205 mm	> 6.3 inch and < 8.07 inch	5 m^3_n

Pulse output



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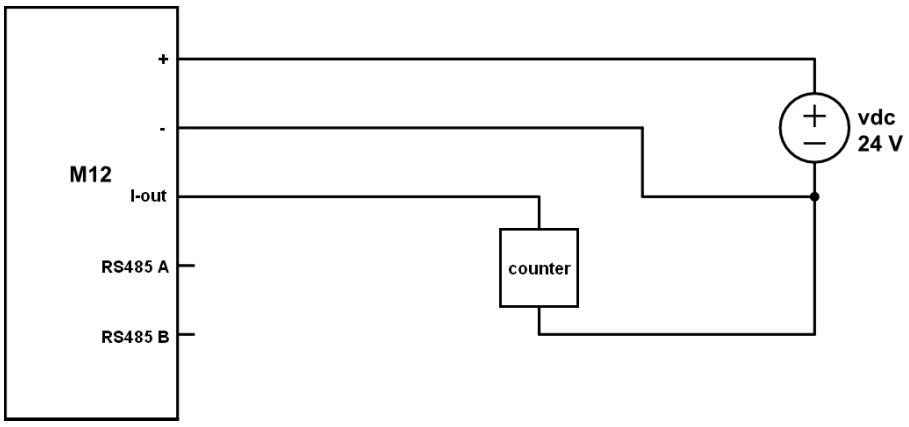


9.3 Modbus interface

Introduction to Modbus
For new users, a complete introduction on the Modbus standard can be found on www.modbus.org. See the document Modbus_over_serial_line_V1_02.pdf, which can be downloaded from their website. We strongly recommend to download and read this information carefully.

The VPFlowScope probe can be used in multidrop Modbus networks. Upto 247 VPFlowScope probes can be placed into one daisy chain. However, due to bandwidth restrictions we recommend to split up daisy chains. For a data polling rate of once per second, the maximum number of VPFlowScope probes is 8, when flow, pressure, temperature and totalizer are read out.

All measurement parameters are available through Modbus in floating point and integer format. The data will be refreshed every second. Maximum polling interval is 10ms.

Placing multiple devices in a multidrop network will cause voltage drops. The minimum supply voltage is 12VDC. In networks with more then 8 devices or longer then 200 meter, ask your local contractor for advice.

Communication settings
The RS485 communication settings can be changed with VPStudio. Below shows the available options

- Baud rate: 9600 | 19200 | 38400
- Stop bits: 1 | 2
- Parity: None | Even | Odd

The Modbus settings can be changed with VPStudio, the hardware address can also be changed with the keypad when available. Below shows all available options

- Hardware address: 1-247
- Integer multiplier: 1-1000

Data format
Function code 0x03 for reading(Holding register)
Function code 0x10 for writing (Holding register)
32-bit Floating point Little endian
32-bit signed Integer Little endian

Register map
The actual measurement data is placed in holding registers. To read out data, you will need to use the corresponding holding register. All data is stored in 2 16-bit registers with below register number as start address. Read out the data with this start address and length 2.

Decimal	HEX	Description	Type	Read / Write
16	0x10	Flow in m_n/sec	32-bit integer (x10)	Read
17	0x11	Flow in m^3_n/hr	32-bit integer (x10)	Read
18	0x12	Flow in l_n/min	32-bit integer (x10)	Read
19	0x13	Flow in SCFM	32-bit integer (x10)	Read
20	0x14	Flow in m^3n/min	32-bit integer (x10)	Read
21	0x15	Flow in sfps	32-bit integer (x10)	Read
32	0x20	Pressure in bar	32-bit integer (x10)	Read

33	0x21	Pressure in psi	32-bit integer (x10)	Read
64	0x40	Temperature in degC	32-bit integer (x10)	Read
65	0x41	Temperature in degF	32-bit integer (x10)	Read
128	0x80	Totalizer in m^3_n	32-bit integer (x10)	Read / Write*

* Writing to the totalizer will reset the totalizer to zero.

Decimal	HEX	Description	Type	Read / Write
8	0x08	Diameter	32-bit Floating point	Read / Write
9	0x09	4..20mA Max	32-bit Floating point	Read / Write
10	0x0A	4..20mA Min	32-bit Floating point	Read / Write
11	0x0B	4..20mA Unit	32-bit Floating point	Read / Write
24	0x18	Flow in m_n/sec	32-bit Floating point	Read
25	0x19	Flow in m^3_n/hr	32-bit Floating point	Read
26	0x1A	Flow in l_n/min	32-bit Floating point	Read
27	0x1B	Flow in SCFM	32-bit Floating point	Read
28	0x1C	Flow in m^3_n/min	32-bit Floating point	Read
29	0x1D	Flow in sfps	32-bit Floating point	Read
40	0x28	Pressure in bar	32-bit Floating point	Read
41	0x29	Pressure in psi	32-bit Floating point	Read
72	0x48	Temperature in degC	32-bit Floating point	Read
73	0x49	Temperature in degF	32-bit Floating point	Read
136	0x88	Totalizer in m^3_n	32-bit Floating point	Read / Write*

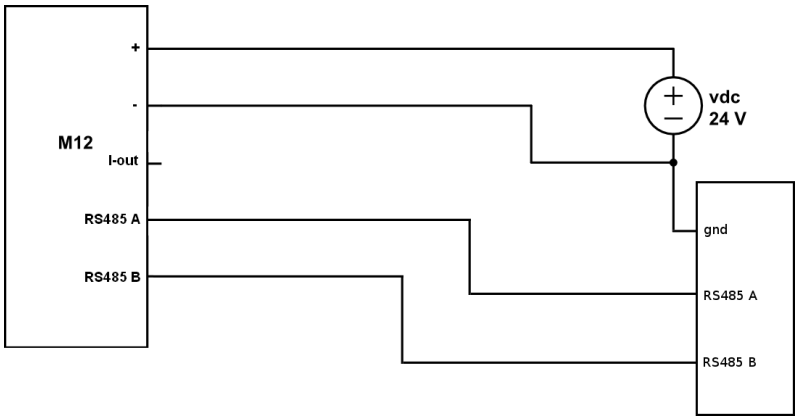
* Writing to the totalizer will reset the totalizer to zero.

Available write operations

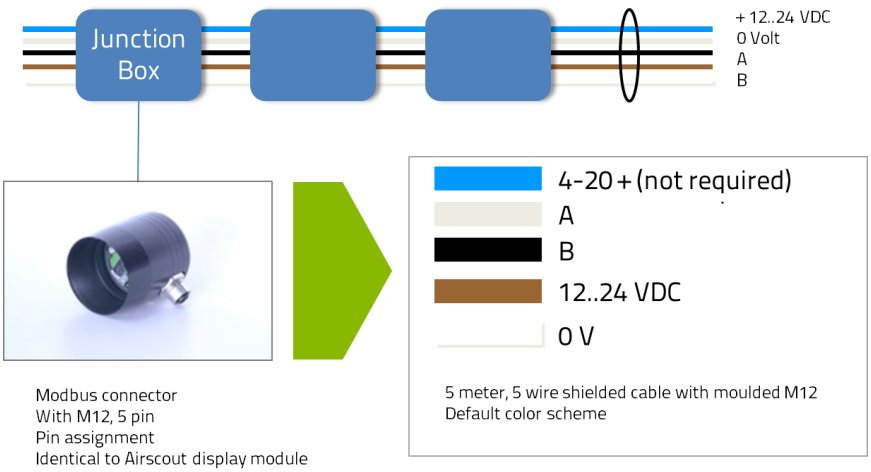
Option	Data	Description
4..20mA unit	0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8	m_n/sec m^3_n/hr l_n/min SCFM m^3_n/min sfps bar psi °C

	9 Other	°F m_n/sec
4..20mA min	Decimal value	
4..20mA max	Decimal value	
Diameter	25 - 1016 mm	
Totalizer	Integer or floating point type depending on register type	Will reset the totalizer to zero

Electrical scheme:
For a one-to-one connection with a PLC or a different type of RS485 converter, please see the wiring scheme below. When short wiring is used, a termination resistor is not needed. For longer wires (>10m), please read RS485 related literature. The ground (common) should be connected to the readout device, so you will need three wires to establish the connection.



Modbus chain:
If multiple Modbus devices are connected in one chain, the configuration as shown below needs to be used. The trunk line goes from the master to all devices making a drop down to each device. The cable length from the trunk line to the Modbus device needs to be as small as possible. Junction boxes are used to make the T junction. The end of the trunk line needs to be terminated with a 120 Ohm resistor. This termination is easily made with the jumper swith and pre-installed resistor inside the junction box. WARNING: make sure that only ONE termination resistor is active and all others are inactive, otherwise the Modbus power consumption will dramatically increase and the signal will be lost.



10 Service

The VPFlowScope probe needs regular maintenance to ensure that the product is functioning properly. Especially when the product is used for mobile air audits, we recommend inspecting the instrument before and after every audit to ensure that the product has not been damaged. For precision measurement equipment such as the VPFlowScope probe, a proper maintenance program is key to reliable measurement results and a long product lifetime.

10.1 Software and firmware updates

News on software and firmware updates can be found on www.vpinstruments.com, or are provided by your local re-seller. The VPFlowScope probe sensor can be updated via the RS485 port. A special display update cable is used for updating the firmware of the display. This cable is available on request. Do not use a standard cable as this might damage your display or computer. Instructions on the update procedure can be found in a separate instruction leaflet, which is distributed on request. Upgrading is only possible for authorized technicians, at own risk.

10.2 Recalibration

To keep your VPFlowScope probe in best shape, it needs recalibration. The recommended recalibration date can be found in VPStudio, when you read out your VPFlowScope probe. Keep close eye on this date. We advice annual recalibration.

10.3 Service subscriptions

VPInstruments offers several Service Subscriptions. Enrolling in the Service Subscription Program helps you get the most out of your measurement equipment. We keep your equipment in excellent shape, as we offer an annual re-calibration on our state of the art calibration equipment. With the latest software releases and expert technical support, you will save time and money. We offer the following programs:

- Standard Service Subscription; Re-calibration, repair*, cleaning, firmware update and warranty extension when serviced within 12 months subsequent intervals.
- Full Service Subscription; Annual exchange of your flow meter. No service time! Have a fully calibrated flow meter 24/7, 365 days a week!

** Repair within terms of usage, see general terms and conditions.*

Improved software performance, innovative new product features, and technical support helps keep you focused on what matters most for your company.

Benefits

- Annual calibrated and cleaned instruments
- Warranty extension
- Software- and firmware updates
- Live support and e-mail support by our skilled technicians

Consult your distributor for information about our service program.

11 Specifications

Please always check the label of your product for the specifications.
Specifications are subject to change as we are continuously improving our products. Please contact us to obtain the latest specification sheet.

Flow sensor
(minimum detection level and max flow rate shown)

Flow range	0.5...150 m_n/sec	1.7…492 sfps
Accuracy	2% of reading under calibration condition Recommended pipe diameter: 40mm | 1.5 inch and up	
Reference conditions	0°C, 1013.25 mbar - DIN1343	32°F, 14.65 psi
Gas temperature	0....60°C	32..140°F
Gases	Compressed air, nitrogen, inert gases, 95% non condensing gases	

Pressure sensor

Range	0...16 bar gauge	0…250 psi gauge
Accuracy	+/- 1.5% FSS (0...60°C)	+/- 1.5% FSS (32..140°F)

Temperature sensor

Range	0....60°C	32…140°F
Accuracy	+/- 1° (from 10 m_n/sec and up) (At zero flow conditions, temperature reading increases due to self-heating by the flow sensor)	

Display

Technology	Liquid crystal
Back light	Blue with auto power save
Memory	2.000.000 point memory

Mechanical

Probe length	400 mm	15 inch
Probe diameter	12.7 mm	0.5 inch
Process connection	Compression fittings, 0.5 inch, NPT thread	
Pressure rating	PN10, PN20: See product label	
IP grade	IP52 when mated to display module IP63 when mated to connector cap	
Wetted materials	Alu, SS316, epoxy	
Ambient temperature	0..60°C	32 .. 140°F
Ambient humidity	10 - 95%. Avoid condensation at all times	

Inputs and outputs

Analog	4..20mA or pulse, selectable via installation software
Serial IO	Modbus RTU
Supply	12..24 VDC +-10% CLASS 2 (UL)
Power consumption	150mA at 24VDC

12 Order information and accessories

Order Code	Flow range	Option	Length	Option	Display
VPS.R150	150 m_n/sec	P400	400 mm length	D0	No display, No connector cap
		P600	600 mm length	D10	Display
				D11	Display + 2M point logger
				D2	Connector cap

Basic features	Display features	Connector types
Thermabridge Flow sensor Pressure, temperature sensor 4..20mA / pulse output (switchable) RS485 Modbus RTU Calibration report	3 line display Keypad for configuration Multi session data logger	M12, 5 pin for standard application

Calibration

VPA.5000.911 Bi-directional measurement option

Accesories

VPA.5000.005 Cable, 5m / 16.4 ft with M12 5pin connector on one side, open wires on other side
VPA.5000.010 Cable, 10m / 32.9 ft with M12 5pin connector on one side, open wires on other side
VPA.0000.200 Power supply (12V, 5pin)
VPA.5003.000 RS485 to USB converter
VPA.5001.105 JB5 interface box with 5m / 16.4ft cable + 12 VDC power supply

VPStudio software

SFT.5003.300 Licensed edition VPS&VPT
SFT.5002.400 Full version

13 Appendix A - UL

The VPFlowScope complies with the CE requirements as stated in the CE declaration. CE compliance can only be achieved when grounding and shielding directions are followed and proper cables and connector assemblies are used.

Electrical connection guidelines- UL 508 Listing for USA & Canada (Check label to see if product is UL marked)

The VPFlowScope is intended to be used with a Class 2 power source or Class 2 transformer in accordance with UL1310 or UL1585. As an alternative a LVLC (Low Voltage Limited Current) power source, with the following properties can be used:

- The device shall be used with a suitable isolating source such that the maximum open circuit voltage potential available? to the product is not more than 24 V DC and the current is limited to a value not exceeding 8 amperes measured after 1 minute of operation;
- A fuse in accordance with the UL248 series and rated max 4A, shall be installed in the 24V DC power supply to the device? In order to limit the available current.

Electrical connection guidelines: general remarks

Make sure that the following conditions are met:

- For portable, non-critical applications, a switched mode 12 V DC, 1A power adapter may be used. Switched mode power supplies that are of poor quality, might affect the accuracy.

Le VPFlowscope est conforme aux exigences CE, comme indiqué dans la déclaration CE. La conformité CE ne peut être atteinte que lorsque les directives de mise à la terre et d'isolation sont suivies et que les les câbles et raccords appropriés sont utilisés.

Lignes directrices pour branchements électriques – UL508 pour le Canada et les États-Unis (voir sur l'étiquettesi le produit est marqué UL)

Le VPFlowscope est prévu pour être utilisé avec une source d'alimentation Classe 2 ou avec un transformateur de Classe 2 en accord avec UL1310 ou UL1585. Comme alternative, une source d'alimentation BTCL (Basse Tension Courant Limité) avec les propriétés suivante peut être utilisée :

- Le dispositif doit être utilisé avec une source d'isolation appropriée afin que le voltage maximal en circuit ouvert disponible pour le produit ne dépasse pas 24VDC, et que le courant soit limité à une valeur de 8 ampères après 1 minute de fonctionnement.
- Un fusible de 4A maximum, et conforme à la série UL248 doit être installé dans la source d'alimentation de l'appareil afin de limiter le courant disponible.

Directives pour le raccordement électrique : remarques générales

Assurez-vous que les conditions suivantes sont remplies :

- Pour les applications mobiles, un adapteur de type alimentation à découpage 12VDC, 1A peut-être utilisée. Cependant, un adapteur de mauvaise qualité pourra affecter la précision.

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